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Cover shot: The headpiece of a masquerader in the Notting Hill Carnival band, Bachanal Mas. Photo by bamboo shoot media.

From the Office of the Prime Minister

Message to the nation from the Honourable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, on the Commemoration of Emancipation Day. 2009.

My Fellow Citizens

As we approach half a century of sovereignty, it is a good opportunity to be reminded of the watchwords given to us on the attainment of Independence.

Discipline, Production and Tolerance are enduring concepts that contributed to producing the best of human civilization. We should be proud and thankful for the wisdom that provided them as guiding philosophy at the birth of nationhood. The message to all generations is that, if we apply them in our pursuits as individuals and as a nation, we would always improve our chances of success in the face of so many challenges of life.

After forty seven years, our national watchwords remain as relevant as ever. I exhort all citizens, particularly our young, to reflect constantly on these and to rededicate themselves to the inculcation of these values and principles in their personal and public lives.

Without discipline, there is chaos, mediocrity and failure. We are never at our best without focus, commitment, moderation and willingness to sacrifice and extend ourselves to attain our goals. Success never comes easy. There can be no great art without discipline and no discipline without self-sacrifice. Without discipline, there is also always the increased possibility of tragic outcomes like broken homes, unfulfilled potential, avoidable accidents and premature demise. So much beauty and promise tragically lost.

Let us strengthen our discipline for the journey forward. That is our responsibility to ourselves and our country. Without discipline we will not achieve the very high levels of production that we were exhorted to reach when we were born as a nation. Productivity is more critical than ever as we face the serious challenges from an economic slowdown. We must all work harder and become more efficient, creative and resourceful. Trinidad and Tobago needs to maintain a satisfactory momentum in this extremely competitive, globalized environment. Every individual, everywhere, must put their shoulders to the wheel. That is our inescapable responsibility as citizens of this country. It is also our responsibility to continue practising the tolerance that has been an important part of the foundation of our society since Independence.

It has been a fundamental force in the Unity in Diversity to which we adhere in Trinidad and Tobago. In many ways we have even gone beyond tolerance to deeper understanding, knowledge and appreciation of the various cultural rivers that meet in this nation. There has been so much greater national cohesion as a result. So many new products have been created through the process of deepening unity. There must be absolutely no reversal of this progress.

All citizens, particularly our leaders at all levels, have a special responsibility in strengthening the fabric of our society. Let us always remember the powerful words of the Psalmist reminding us of how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

In the final analysis, it is that sense of responsibility on the part of all to be disciplined, productive and tolerant that saves the day for any country. This responsible approach must be exercised in every facet of our lives. We must continue to speak of our rights and protect them as vigorously as we can. But we cannot avoid the obligation to act responsibly in the interest of all. No man is an island, as the poet truly spoke. We all need one another and there must be consideration of the family, community and country even as we pursue our individual goals.

We each have a responsibility for the peace, harmony, happiness and prosperity of this country that is irrevocably wedded to the preservation of our democracy and our rights and freedoms as human beings. Let us always be patriotic and do everything we can to be proud nationals of Trinidad and Tobago. Let us together aspire so that we can achieve together for a better Trinidad and Tobago.

I have great pleasure in extending greetings and congratulations to all citizens on this forty-seventh anniversary of our nation's attainment of Independence.

May Almighty God bless our nation.

Patrick Manning

President and Prime Minister react to the passing of Mrs. Patricia Robinson

Left: *The late Mrs. Patricia Robinson*

From the Office of the President

Statement from His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards TC, CMT, Ph.D

His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards TC, CMT, Ph. D President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

My wife and I were saddened to learn of the death, this morning (September 10), of Mrs. Patricia Robinson, wife of former President, The Honourable Arthur N. R. Robinson TC, OCC, SC.

An outstanding daughter of the soil, Patricia Robinson was a brilliant economist who, as a senior public servant, faithfully served this nation, making an indelible contribution to the development of the banking and financial sectors, inter alia, in Trinidad and Tobago, before assuming her role as First Lady from 1997 to 2003. Her influence, as an economist, in areas such as double taxation, was felt throughout the region. The nation owes her a debt of gratitude.

To her family, she was a supportive and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Our hearts and prayers go out to them today—to her husband, The Honourable Arthur N.R. Robinson, her children, David and Ann Margaret, her granddaughter, Anushka, as well as to her extended family.

From the Office of the Prime Minister

The Hon. Patrick Manning Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Prime Minister the Hon. Patrick Manning has expressed on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago his deepest and most heartfelt condolences at the passing of the former First Lady of Trinidad and Tobago Mrs. Patricia Robinson, wife of erstwhile Prime Minister and President A.N.R. Robinson.

It is widely known that Mrs. Robinson had been ailing for some time and on the morning of September 10, succumbed to her illness. In addition to sending a formal letter of condolence, both the Prime Minister and Senator the Hon. Hazel Manning visited President Robinson at his Ellerslie Park residence on the day, to offer their sympathies and support to the bereaved family.

The Prime Minister has mandated Minister of Foreign Affairs Paula Gopee-Scoon on behalf of the Government to be in touch with Mr. Robinson in order to offer assistance in any way possible to the Robinsons.

Minister delivers 2010 Budget

Left: The Hon. Karen Nunez-Tesheira
Minister of Finance

Minister of Finance, the Honourable Karen Nunez-Tesheira, in 2009-2010 Budget presentation to parliament, announced with immediate effect that there will be higher taxes on cigarettes and alcohol, increased penalties for reckless driving, and signalled that property owners will have to fork out higher taxes from January 1, 2010.

The budget, in which the Government projects it will spend $44.3 billion from October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, was predicated on a "conservative" oil price of US$55 a barrel, and a natural gas price of US$2.75 per million cubic feet. Minister Tesheira said that the projected deficit was $7.7 billion, or 5.3 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product. Confirming an $11.5 billion budget shortfall in last year's package, the Honourable Minister noted that that was caused not only by the decline in oil and gas prices, but also by reduced prices of other petrochemicals.

Minister Nunez-Tesheira outlined "significant increases in penalties" for certain road traffic offences, "in an effort to maintain order and safety on our nation's roads and to deter road traffic offenders."

The Government proposed that for the offences listed below, the penalty be increased from $200 to $2,000

- use of a vehicle without park lights
- improper overtaking on the left side of the road
- overtaking traffic at a place dangerous to do so
- exceeding the specified speed limit
- improper use of the Priority Bus Route without authorisation

A fixed penalty of $2,000 will be applied to:

- motorists who install illegal tints on their vehicles
- motor vehicles that are not fitted with seat belts.

Minister Tesheira indicated that Government would table legislation to:

- -make the use of child restraints in cars mandatory for children five years of age or under;
- increase the excise duty on local rum, beer and other alcoholic products by 15 per cent;
- impose a 30 per cent increase on those beverages from outside the Caribbean;
- introduce a new four-tiered property tax regime, based on the present market values of properties. In the case of residential, commercial and agricultural properties, the tax will be three per cent, five per cent and one per cent, respectively; and
- increase Motor Vehicles Transfer Tax by 50 per cent.

Minister Tesheira announced a stimulus package for small contractors which would "stimulate" the construction sector via building and refurbishment of community centres, health centres, schools, early childhood care centres, police stations, recreation centres and city/ borough sidewalks.

Ministerial Allocations

1.Ministry of Finance — $5.6826 billion
2. Ministry of National Security — $4.7428 billion
3. Ministry of Health — $3.6393 billion
4. Ministry of Education — $3.4378 billion
5. Ministry of Public Utilities — $2.5344 billion
6. Ministry of Social Development — $2.4365 billion
7. Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education — $2.2565 billion
8. Pensions and Gratuities — $2.2264 billion
9. Ministry of Works and Transport — $2.1002 billion
10. Ministry of Local Government — $1.7907 billion
11. Tobago House of Assembly — $1.7715 billion
12. Ministry of Public Administration — $1.3217 billion
13. Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries — $1.0919 billion
14. Ministry of Foreign Affairs— $481, 906, 389 million

T&T prepares to host Commonwealth Heads of Govt. Meeting

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

The year 2009 has been a seminal one for Trinidad and Tobago. In April, the country hosted the Fifth Summit of the Americas, a gathering of Heads of State and Government of the thirty-five (35) nations comprising the Organization of American States, (OAS).

From November 27th to 29th, 2009 our nation will once again serve as host for a major international meeting of Heads of State and Government - on this occasion, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, also known as the CHOGM.

Commonwealth leaders meet every two years at a CHOGM to discuss global and Commonwealth issues, and to agree on collective policies and initiatives. Four years ago at the CHOGM held in Valetta, Malta, Heads of Government accepted the offer of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago to host the 2009 CHOGM in Port of Spain.

The theme for this year's CHOGM, as proposed by Trinidad and Tobago, will be *"Partnering for a More Equitable and Sustainable Future"*. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has been charged with preparing a concept paper on this theme which will inform the discussions of Heads on the subject.

In keeping with the vision of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago that the November 2009 should be seen as a CARICOM initiative, CARICOM Heads of Government have been included in discussions on the theme and concept paper. Moreover, with the meeting being held in the Caribbean, this presents an opportunity for CARICOM Heads to identify and place on the agenda, issues of greatest concern to the region.

In addition to the meeting of Heads, three other CHOGM -associated events will take place in Trinidad and Tobago this November. These include:

The Commonwealth Youth Forum - 21 to 28 Nov. 2009
The Commonwealth Peoples Forum- 22 to 26 Nov. 2009
The Commonwealth Business Forum - 23 to 26 Nov. 2009

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has been working closely with the Commonwealth Secretariat to prepare for the CHOGM. Recognising the scale and level of preparations necessary for both the Summit of the Americas and the CHOGM, a National Secretariat was established in Trinidad and Tobago to spearhead logistical arrangements for both events.

In view of the magnitude of the undertaking, Trinidad and Tobago has also sought and obtained the generous agreement of other Commonwealth countries, including our CARICOM neighbours, for support in areas critical to ensuring the success of the CHOGM and associated events.

Discussions have been ongoing at the highest level on all aspects of the CHOGM. In addition, a number of visits have taken place between officials of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London and officials of the National Secretariat in Port of Spain over the past year with regard to fine tuning logistical arrangements. A major outcome of these efforts is the very positive feedback received from the Commonwealth Secretariat on Trinidad and Tobago's readiness to host the CHOGM in November.

In June 2009, the National Secretariat visited London to hold briefing sessions for liaison officers of member states and other key stakeholders on arrangements in place for the CHOGM. On 27th and 28th July and again on August 3rd and 4th Trinidad and Tobago hosted Advance Visits for representatives of Commonwealth countries participating in the CHOGM. A total of twenty-four (24) countries were represented at the Advance Visits. These countries were briefed on protocol, security and logistical arrangements for the meeting.

With the CHOGM only a few months away, Trinidad and Tobago is in the final stages of preparation for what is anticipated will be a very successful event.

Please see list of Commonwealth countries on next page.

Prime Minister addresses United Nations General Assembly

Prime Minister the Hon. Patrick Manning left Trinidad and Tobago on September 20, for New York City where he attended the 64th Regular Session of the United National General Assembly.

The Prime Minister headed a delegation of government officials including the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Paula Gopee-Scoon, the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment, the Hon. Emily Dick-Forde, H.E. Marina Valere, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, officials from the Ministry of Finance and from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prime Minister Manning and his delegation had a packed schedule of meetings during the seven day visit. The PM participated in the Summit of the Alliance of Small Island States on Monday 21st September, the Summit on Climate change on Tuesday 22nd and he addressed the Council of the Americas on September 25th.

The theme of the General Debate of the United Nations General Assembly which took place from Wednesday 23rd September was "Effective Responses to global issues: Strengthening multilateralism and dialogue among civilisations for international peace, security and development." Prime Minister Manning addressed the debate on Saturday September 26th.

Trinidad and Tobago's participation in this UNGA is particularly significant it hosts the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit in November. The Prime Minister met with Commonwealth Secretary General Karmalesh Sharma while in New York to discuss matters pertinent to the meeting, in addition to which many of the participating Commonwealth states were represented at the UNGA, providing the opportunity for crucial bilateral meetings to be scheduled prior to the CHOGM. Prime Minister Manning and his team held talks, alongside other CARICOM leaders, with the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and bi-lateral talks with colleague Prime Ministers. Other bilateral meetings were scheduled with Prime Ministers of Australia and the Netherlands and the President of Sierra Leone.

As part of his visit to New York, Prime Minister Manning attended the ceremonial opening of the new offices of the Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago in New York, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held.

The Prime Minister and his team returned to Trinidad and Tobago on the 27th of September 2009. In his absence Senator the Hon. Dr. Lenny Saith carried out the duties of Prime Minister.

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What is the Commonwealth?

The modern Commonwealth, a voluntary association of fifty-three (53) sovereign states which share a common heritage of language, law and education, was established sixty years ago. Trinidad and Tobago became a member of this body upon attaining independence in 1962. The following is the current membership of the organization:

Antigua and Barbuda
The Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Botswana
Brunei Darussalam
Cameroon
Canada
Cyprus
Dominica
*Fiji Islands
The Gambia
Ghana
Grenada
Guyana
India
Jamaica
India
Jamaica
Kenya
Kiribati
Lesotho
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Mauritius
Mozambique
Namibia
Nauru
New Zealand
Nigeria
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Swaziland
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Kingdom
United Republic of Tanzania
Vanuatu
Zambia

* Suspended from the Commonwealth in September 2009

Government to create Information Production House

Left: *The Honourable Neil Parsanlal*
Minister of Information

Information Minister, the Hon. Neil Parsanlal, announced on September 2, 2009, the transfer of the assets of NCC TV, formerly operated by the National Carnival Commission, to Government Information Services Limited (GISL), following a Cabinet decision to rationalize Government's media asset holdings to create an Information Production House.

In making the announcement, Minister Parsanlal also expressed his gratitude to the staff of NCC TV who had been running the station since January 2005 when it was set up as a temporary measure, pending the establishment of state-owned CNMG. The Minister said that he was aware that officials of the NCC, accompanied by senior officials of the Ministry of Community Development Culture and Gender Affairs, met with the staff of NCC TV recently, thanking them for their service in keeping the station's focus on Sports and Culture alive during the transition period.

Although their employment was intended to be temporary, the workers of the former NCC TV were presented with a termination package recognising their four years of dedicated service and were invited to apply for any suitable positions at GISL. GISL, which began operations two years ago, has already developed capacity in new media and television production.

Minister Parsanlal said that Cabinet had approved the creation of an Information Production House at GISL utilising the assets formerly operated by NCC TV, and in close collaboration with state-owned commercial broadcaster CNMG, which operates the most technologically advanced television station in the country.

CNMG is expected to continue its commercial focus with a particular orientation to news and current affairs programming while GISL's Channels 4 and 16 will focus on the production of Government Information while also performing the role of a public broadcasting service.

Above: *Minister of Information, the Hon. Neil Parsanlal and Indian High Commissioner, His Excellency Malay Mishra, look at historic documents with other officials from the Commission.*

Dignitaries pay visit to National Archives

Minister of Information, the Hon. Neil Parsanlal, hosted a visit to the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago by the High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Malay Mishra, and the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs DK Shrivastrava.

The official visit, which took place on Monday 18th August, followed discussions between the Minister of Information and the High Commissioner of India on matters of mutual interest related to archives and records.

At the National Archives, the dignitaries viewed documents and historical materials related to Indian labour migration and the indenture system in Trinidad and Tobago.

Accompanying the Minister was the Acting Permanent Secretary Ms. Gillian Macintyre; Acting Government Archivist Mrs. Cheryl Lee Kim and the Minister's Advisor, Ms. Renata Tulsie.

About the National Archives:

The National Archives is responsible for acquiring, preserving and making accessible, thousands of historical documents such as government records, immigration records, photographs, books, maps and other information on Trinidad and Tobago. It also has an excellent and perhaps the most accessible records of Indian migration documentation in the Caribbean.

The National Archives influences all areas of archival processing throughout the Public Service and also provides services, such as records management and archival training primarily to government agencies, across the country.

NATIONAL AWARDS 2009

The following awards were conferred on the occasion of the Forty- seventh Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:

NAME	STATUS	For Distinguished and Outstanding Service to Trinidad and Tobago in the Sphere of:
	THE ORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	
Ms. Jizelle Salandy(Posthumous)	Boxer	Sport/Boxing
	THE CHACONIA MEDAL (GOLD)	
Dr. Geraldine Roxanne Connor	Ethnomusicologist	Culture
H.E. Dr. Cuthbert Joseph	Ambassador	National Development
Ms. Heather Jones	Designer	Fashion
	THE CHACONIA MEDAL (SILVER)	
Dr. George Anthony Laquis M.D., F.A.A.F.P.	Medical Doctor	Medicine
Dr. Ronald Edward Henry	Medical Doctor	Medicine
Archdeacon Dr. Steve Ashley West	Educator	Medicine
Mr. Gowriedath "Boyie" Hanooman (Posthumous)	Community Worker	Gallantry
	HUMMING BIRD MEDAL (GOLD)	
Mr. Narine Gupte Lutchmedial	Businessman	Community Service
Mr. Len "Boogsie" Sharpe	Musical Director	Culture
Ms. Dianne Avalone Baptiste	Housewife	Gallantry
	HUMMING BIRD MEDAL (SILVER)	
Mr. Bissoon Birsingh (Posthumous)	Social Worker	Community Service
The Flores Family	Parang Group	Culture
Mr. Hugh Joseph 'Winston' Cyrus	Self Employed	Gallantry
Mr. Keith Edmund Bernard Smith	Journalist	Journalism
Mrs. Gertrude Ann Browne-John	Cricketer/V.P T&T Women's Cricket Board	Sport
Mr. Alvin Corneal	Sports Consultant	Sport
	PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL OF MERIT (GOLD)	
Mrs. Cynthia Viola Forde	Retired Nurse	Public Servant
	PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL OF MERIT (SILVER)	
Mrs. Valarie Alleyne-Rawlins	Nurse/President Trinidad and Tobago Nurses Association	Public Service
	PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL OF MERIT (BRONZE)	
Mr. Roland Selwyn Maunday	Retired Principal	Education

Trinidad and Tobago Nationals in London celebrate our 47th Year of Independence

On 6th September, 2009, nationals attended the 2009 Interfaith Independence Church Service organised by the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission in London, United Kingdom. The theme of this year's service was ***'Keeping Faith: 47 years and beyond.'*** *Presentations were delivered by representatives of the Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Spiritual Baptist communities. Below are pictures of the event.*

Left: The congregation at the All Saints Church, Clydesdale Road, London.

Picture (1): Acting Commissioner Gail Guy, who delivered the third reading, seen here with Ambassador Dennis Francis. (2) Jamaica's High Commissioner, H.E. Burchell Whiteman and Mrs. Whiteman, along with Barbados' Deputy High Commissioner Donville Johnson and his wife Mrs. Jean Forde-Johnson at the Service. Other dignitaries in attendance included the Acting High Commissioner for Dominica, Ms. Agnes Adonis. (3) Commander Douglas Archer led a strong showing of personnel from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard.

(4) Reverend Patricia Stephens makes a presentation on behalf of the Spiritual Baptist Faith. Reverend Stephens was also the main organiser at the Spiritual Shouter Baptist Liberation Day celebration held earlier in the year, also at All Saints Church (see article on pg.12). (5) Mrs. Arsha Gosine –Ghosh makes her contribution on behalf of the Hindu Community. (6) Fr. John Metivier (pictured) was also joined by Fr. Henderson George and All Saints Vicar, Fr. John Brownsell at the Service.

(7) Fr. John Brownsell, the Vicar of All Saints Church who delivered the homily, follows the flag bearer from the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard down the isle of the church as the Service draws to a close. (8) The St. Ignatius Caribbean Choir perform at the Service. (9) Nationals give heartily to the collection. Every year, a charitable organization in Trinidad and Tobago benefits from the money collected at the Service.

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Officials lead Emmancipation Day Celebrations at home and in the United Kingdom

In Trinidad and Tobago...

At this year's National Association for the Empowerment of African People's (NAEAP) Dinner, held on July 31, a Professor of World history with a special interest in charting the lives of persons in the African diaspora, and one who shares the name of the Hon. Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, made the Keynote address. Professor Patrick Manning also joined Prime Minister Patrick Manning and Mrs. Manning, and other Government Ministers in the traditional procession through the streets of Port of Spain on August 1, 2009, the day that the Emancipation Holiday is observed in Trinidad and Tobago.

Whilst in Trinidad and Tobago, Professor Manning paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister where the two discussed his work on the socio-economic repercussions of the transatlantic slave trade on the descendents of African Slaves scattered across the world. The two also talked about African Culture in Trinidad and Tobago and the significance of the annual celebrations put on by the Emancipation Support Committee.

Also, in observance of Emancipation Day, the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago held its Emancipation lecture and exhibition on August 4 at the auditorium of the Point Fortin Borough Corporation. Minister of Information, the Hon. Neil Parsanlal delivered remarks and a lecture was given by Dr. Geilen Matthews, Lecturer, History Department, UWI.

And in the United Kingdom...

Acting High Commissioner Gail Guy (and the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission) hosted the Emancipation Day Celebrations in London on Sunday 2nd August, 2009, at the Carnival Village/ Tabernacle.

The event took the form of a cultural show, featuring performances from calypsonians Poser and Junior Soca Monarch, Megan Waldron, from Trinidad and Tobago. Other artistes on the day included the UK's current Groovy Soca Monarch, Brown Sugar, and Calypso Monarch, Giselle Carter.

The Engine Room band ended the evening's entertainment and the event was brought to a close by Acting High Commissioner, Miss Gail P. Guy, who gave the vote of thanks.

Above: The Hon. Patrick Manning, Prime Minster and Professor Patrick Manning (left) during the procession.

Above: Chairman of the Emancipation Support Committee, Mr. Khafra Kambon, Prime Minister Patrick Manning and Local Government Minister, the Hon. Hazel Manning.

Above: Archive Assistant Avalon Dougan Abdool shows off some of the exhibits to Minister of Information, the Hon. Neil Parsanlal.

Below: Acting High Commissioner, Ms. Gail P. Guy, addresses the gathering of nationals at the Emancipation Celebrations in London, United Kingdom.

Left: Public Affairs, Culture and Tourism Attaché Ashton Ford (centre), with (from left) calypsonians Tobago Crusoe, Tiger, Poser and D Alberto at the Carnival Village, London.

Nationals celebrate Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day in London

Earlier this year, the Spiritual Baptist Community in the United Kingdom celebrated their 6th annual Liberation and Service of Thanksgiving at the All Saints Church, Ladbroke Grove, London. The Community dedicated this year's Service to the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

His Excellency, Professor George Maxwell Richards, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, through a written message read to the congregation by Assistant Attaché Donna Philip-Forde, urged the movement in London, "to remember with thanksgiving, those Spiritual Baptists who were determined to hold on to the Faith and survived the period of proscription. They fought and paid for the freedom which is enjoyed today and about which none of us should be cavalier."

The message from then High Commissioner John Jeremie, was read by Attaché Ashton Ford of the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission. High Commissioner Jeremie congratulated the Spiritual Baptist Community on their achievements and noble purpose. He stated: "yours is a vibrant, engaging community, fully committed to the work of the Lord, and with that, there can be no greater glory." Whilst complimenting their value as a community, the High Commissioner's address centered on individual responsibility. "Your sense of community is undoubted, but what I ask of you today ladies and gentlemen, is that you continue to be mindful of the continued role that each of you, individually, plays in that shaping of the Spiritual Baptist legacy." High Commissioner Jeremie continued, "In religious years, you are still the forefathers of your faith. Hence your actions, commitment and resolve are fundamental to the sustenance and growth of your

community. Yours is an exciting opportunity as the full course of your faith is still to be chartered and each of you must accept your role as captain of your own ship. Together your fleet will prosper, but I beseech you to be mindful of the importance of your individual contribution. The responsibility is no small one, yes, but its grandness in size is matched by the greatness of your opportunity." He made special mention of Reverend Patricia Stephens as a person who had accepted that responsibility and encouraged others to follow her example.

Bishop Oswald Duncan from San Fernando and Rev'd Mother Earlene Mc Farlane from Princess Town, travelled from Trinidad and Tobago to attend the Service and made sterling contributions to this year's celebrations. The congregation was also treated to a dance performance by the Yaa Asantewaa Theatrical Group.

Above: *Reverend Patricia Stephens*

Above: *Attaché Ashton Ford lights a candle at the service.*

Above: *Dancers from the Yaa Asantewaa Theatrical Group perform at the service.*

Trinidad and Tobago film

Premieres in Hamburg, Germany

by Commercial Attaché

Pay de devil...Pay de devil' . . . . Most Trinbagonians will be familiar with this refrain, which has been the chorus of some popular calypsos, notably, Trinidad and Tobago based, Shadow. However, some of us may not be aware of the origins of the phrase. As it turns out, the phrase has its origins in the dance put on by the 'jabs' when they parade through the streets and demand payment for the dance rituals they perform. Spectators 'pay de devil' to see his dance skills as well as to be left alone and not drenched in paint and oil.

On Monday August 31st, 2009, a film entitled '***Jab, the blue devils of Paramin'*** premiered in Hamburg, Germany to an audience of approximately four hundred persons. It was the first time a Trinidad and Tobago film was screened in Germany and was especially timed to coincide with Trinidad and Tobago's Independence Day. The High Commission was represented at the event by First Secretary, Ms. Roanna Gopaul and Commercial Attaché, Ms. Dionne Ligoure.

About the film

'Jab', is an oral history documentary providing an authentic account of band of blue devils based in Paramin. Paramin is a mountainous village in Trinidad, equally known for its precipitous hills, herb (chives, thyme) farmers and the popular parang* festival held each year in December.

The 46-minute documentary **Director/Producer Alex de Verteuil and Co-Producer Elizabeth Topp**, filmed in the two weeks leading up to the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival, follows Kootoo, King Devil, as he prepares with his three brothers to once again win the competition for the most convincing devil band. Known for his athletic prowess, the charismatic Kootoo must still work hard with his band of devils to win the prize in the face of serious competition from a new generation of 'jabs'.

Told by the villagers themselves, in their own dialect, this entertaining story highlights the joyous heart of Paramin. With background music of folk-songs and calypsos, JAB sheds light on a Caribbean culture that few visitors or even locals ever get to see.

The Hamburg screening of the film was the result of months of collaboration among the Honorary Consul, Hamburg, Mr. Howard Kroch, Commercial Attaché, London, Ms. Dionne Ligoure and Kinemathek Metropolis of Hamburg. The initiative was also supported by the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company which assisted in selecting and obtaining copies of the film.

Collaborative Effort

Introductory remarks were delivered by Mrs. Gabriele Kroch, on behalf of Mr. Howard Kroch and by Mr. Martin Aust of Kinemathek Metropolis. The First Secretary also addressed the audience on behalf of the Acting High Commissioner, and pointed to the long standing bilateral relations which exist between Trinidad and Tobago and Germany. She also highlighted several key facts about the country and conveyed the appreciation of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago for the commitment and dedication of the Honorary Consul, Mr. Howard Kroch.

The screening film was very well received, with many members of the audience expressing great interest in seeing more films from Trinidad and Tobago in Hamburg.

Following the screening, gifts from Trinidad and Tobago were presented to Mrs. Gabriele Kroch and representatives of the organising committee of Kinemathek Metropolis. A reception under the patronage of Mr. Howard Kroch started and completed the evening.

Above: *A Blue Devil gets up to mischief as part of the 2009 Trinidad and Tobago Carnival parade.*

One immediate outcome of the screening and the expressions of interest in Trinidad and Tobago films was a proposal to host a Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival in Hamburg. The Commercial Attaché has initiated discussions with Kinemathek Metropolis and the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company to facilitate the process.

****Parang*** - The Trinidad and Tobago revelry that is parang is the visiting of merrymakers to the homes of family, friends or patrons to sing songs in Spanish to the accompaniment of certain musical instruments; usually, the guitar, the cuatro, the maracas or chac-chacs, the mandolin, the bandolin, the violin and the bandola and sometimes the cello. There is also dancing and the eating and drinking of fare appropriate for festivity. (Taylor 1977, 15)

Investment Opportunities

Tobago

by Commercial Attaché

This article is the first in a series to inform of business opportunities that are available in Tobago. Tobago with its unique tourism attractions and its emergence as a prime eco destination has something to offer every visitor. The island is testimony to the fact that good things come in small packages. At 21 miles long and seven miles wide, the spirit of Tobago is unique and beckons you to invest in it.

Ever mindful of the volatility of tourism, the Tobago House of Assembly (the body responsible for Administration in Tobago) has moved towards diversification both within and outside of the tourism sector.

With a vision to develop a world class hotel product in Tobago, serious investors willing to participate in hotel development are invited to partner with the private sector and the state, in facilitating the growth of Tobago's accommodation and hospitality sectors.

The Town and Country planning division, Tobago House of Assembly has identified several sites for hotel development, including:

Courland Estate:
Status: State owned

Description:-
This estate is located on the north-west coast of the island between the villages of Black Rock and Plymouth. The property is bounded south by Courland River and north by a new villa development.

Project Concept possibility:
Site allocated for mixed residential, homestead, community facilities and resort development

Boutique hotel of seventy five rooms will be favourably considered

Distance: 15 minutes from the Crown Point International Airport

Size: Approximately 342 acres

Application Status: Final approval granted for resort development. A Certificate of Environmental Clearance (C.E.C.) is necessary for hotels with more than 30 rooms.

Culloden Reef Resort:
Status: Privately owned

Description:-
This estate is situated on the north-west coast of the island with easy access to major and minor roads, to other beaches and attractions. It is an eco friendly project using only natural materials. On the estate there are ruins of a sugar mill which is the proposed site for the development of a second restaurant.

Project Concept possibility:
Current approval has been granted for the following development:-

•A mix of single cottage units strategically located on the slopes

- A single unit housing block
- A restaurant
- Alternative accommodation
- A second restaurant at Sugar Mill

Distance: 40 minutes from the Crown Point International Airport

Size: Approximately 148 acres

Application Status: Environmental Impact Analysis (E.I.A.) already approved. Final approval has been granted for 200 rooms.

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KC Ginger Mints available in the UK

Nationals of Trinidad and Tobago should note with pride the fact that K.C.'s ginger mints are now available at the pound stores throughout the United Kingdom. This was no easy feat and was achieved only through hard work and ensuring a consistent high quality product. In many ways K.C. Confectionary Limited has redefined the notion of excellence in business and remains one of Trinidad and Tobago's leading exporters and contributors to the economy. The Company is also a key supporter of the London Mission, always willing to provide products for our many activities.

A bit of history:

KC Confectionary Limited began in 1922 as a cottage industry and has diversified and expanded today to a fast paced people driven company that is foremost in technology and innovation.

The family run company developed into a factory in 1957 and became fully automated by the early 1990's. The budding candy company experienced a significant increase in human resource capital that resulted in advanced expertise, propelling the Company into a household name.

Production:

K.C. Confectionary produces an impressive thirty varieties of hard candy, bubble gum, toffee, candy chews, lollipops and mints. KC's use of advanced technology enables 8800 pieces of candy to be wrapped per minute. Annual production is about 7000 tonnes, sixty five percent of which is exported.

K.C. Confectionary Limited is one of Trinidad and Tobago's leading manufacturers and this is reflected in the number of awards the company has received locally, regionally and internationally.

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Please tell your family, friends and neighbours about K.C.'s ginger mints at pound stores throughout the United Kingdom.

Using the mints you can experience the benefits of ginger which include relief of indigestion, remedy for loss of appetite, nausea, and water retention and vomiting.

T&T represented at Caribbean Day in Bremen, Germany

On September 04, 2009, the Commercial Attaché, High Commission London, Dionne Ligoure, participated in the Caribbean Day in Bremen*, Germany. The event was hosted by the Bremen Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Hamburg based Lateinamerika Verein (LAV) **, (Business Association for Latin America). The Commercial Attaché's presentation focussed on investment opportunities available in Trinidad and Tobago with particular emphasis on the key areas identified for development by Government. Including:

- Downstream energy
- Information and communications technology
- Financial services
- Hotel and conference facility development
- Food and beverage
- Music and entertainment
- Film
- Yachting
- Merchant marine
- Fish and fish processing

About fifty companies attended the event and three Caribbean countries: Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago were featured on the programme.

T&T gets thumbs up

An independent presentation on the respective countries was done by Commerzbank, Germany's second largest bank. In its presentation, Commerzbank rated Trinidad and Tobago as the best choice for doing business among the three countries present. The Bank's presentation fully supported the information provided by the Commercial Attaché.

There was also a presentation by MAN Ferrostaal, Germany's largest investor in Trinidad and Tobago, on its experiences doing business on the island. MAN Ferrostaal has investments in Trinidad and Tobago worth over USD 4 billion and has operated on the island for over twenty years. The company has managed project development in the petrochemical and power industry including building the world's largest methanol plant in Point Lisas, Trinidad.

MAN Ferrostaal's most recent collaboration in Trinidad and Tobago is the construction of the 720 Watt Combined Cycle Power Plant in La Brea, which will increase Trinidad and Tobago's energy capacity by some fifty percent (50%). The project is on schedule and on budget. The first phase is set to be complete within fourteen months and the Plant would be fully operational within thirty months.

T&T nationals in Oman

It was a point of real pride to note that based on MAN Ferrostaal's positive experience in Trinidad and Tobago; Trinidad and Tobago nationals are currently assisting MAN Ferrostaal with the construction of a methanol plant in Oman (when complete it will be the largest in the world), and the Omanians are being trained by nationals of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Bremen event was a success and the level of feedback and interest shown in Trinidad and Tobago's presentation was extremely encouraging. Several companies expressed an immediate interest in investing and have linked with the Commercial Attaché for follow up.

Based on the interest shown in the Caribbean in general and Trinidad and Tobago in particular, it is evident that participation in events of this type is important to reach key markets. Trinidad and Tobago stands to benefit from pursuing a steady programme of building awareness of the investment opportunities in Trinidad and Tobago in other cities in Germany and Europe.

**About Bremen*: *Bremen is a port city and thus well known for shipping and trade. It is Germany's second largest port and a major international transhipment point. Some well known companies located in Bremen are: Mercedes-Benz. They build the C, CLK, SL and SLK series there, as well as the GLK SUV. A large number of food producing or trading companies have their German or European headquarters in Bremen including: Anheuser-Busch InBev (Beck's Brewery), Kellogg's, Kraft Foods (Kraft, Jacobs Coffee, Milka Chocolate, Milram, Miràcoli), Frosta (frosted food), Nordsee (chain of sea fast food), Melitta Kaffee, Eduscho Kaffee, Azul Kaffee, Vitakraft (pet food for birds), Atlanta AG (Chiquita banana), chocolatier Hachez (fine chocolate and confiserie), feodora chocolatier.*

***The Lateinamerika Verein (LAV) was founded in 1916 by merchants from Hamburg. Today it is an intersectoral professional business association active throughout Germany, which promotes the economic and social relationships between Germany, the European Union and Latin America. The main focus of its work is the support of German companies in their business activities in Latin America and the promotion of the private economy in Latin America and the Caribbean. The association presents itself as a meeting platform for German and Latin American decision-makers from politics and economy.*

In November 2008, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Patrick Manning was the guest of honour at the association's annual gala dinner. The Prime Minister was the first English speaking Head of Government, in the organisation's history, to be the guest of Honour and to deliver the keynote address at the very prestigious event.

New UK Calypso Monarch Crowned

A young Grenadian Lawyer, Akima Paul (pictured), is the new Calypso Monarch in the United Kingdom. Paul dethroned last year's winner Giselle, who placed third in a keenly contested competition at the Carnival Village, West London on Thursday August 27th 2009.

Her winning number entitled 'Passport Love', which was a biting social commentary on people who got married "just to get a British passport", got the approval of the large audience at the show.

Former Monarch Brown Sugar placed second with a very strong calypso entitled 'Send them to jail'. Her song dealt with the British Members of Parliament and the expenses scandal which resulted in the resignation of the Speaker of the House and other MPs from both sides of the House, many of whom have either resigned or opted not to face elections due next year.

Giselle copped the third spot with her song 'Bail Out' while another former winner Lord Cloak took the fourth spot with his calypso on Black Heroes.

President of the Association of British Claypsonians (ABC), Mr. Ashton Moore, said that there was a tremendous improvement in the compositions by the calypsonians this year which augurs well for the future development of the art form in the United Kingdom.

He paid tribute to the women who took the first three places in the competition especially the winner Akima Paul who is a newcomer in calypso arena in Britain.

Former Trinidad and Tobago Road March winner Poser appeared as a special guest on the show along with current Junior Monarch Megan Walrond.

Full results

1st	Akima Paul	Passpost love
2nd	Brown Sugar	Send them to jail
3rd	Giselle	Bail Out
4th	Lord Cloak	Black Heroes
5th	Alex D Great	Kleso Cochrone
6th	Rev B	Fight to live
7th	Helena B	Crime does not pay
8th	Cleopatra	Insane
9th	Redman	Don't envy me
10th	Explorer	I can't believe it

Above: *New UK Calypso Monarch Ms. Akima Paul.*

Above: *ABC President Mr. Ashton Moore*

Above: *Trinidad and Tobago's Junior Calypso Monarch (right) with Acting High Commissioner Ms. Gail Guy.*

Notting Hill

This year, marked the 50th year of Carnival in London. Influenced by the Carnival in Trinidad & Tobago and developed and managed by many nationals living in the United Kingdom, Notting Hill has grown into Europe's largest street festival and one of the best 'Trini' Carnivals in the world.

Over the past five years, the governance of the event has had to face many severe challenges. Each year questions have been asked of its organisers and demands made on it's format and footprint. And each year, it has managed to survive all prophecies of doom and failure.

In 2009, there were added challenges as the event had to be staged with an interim Board comprising of just three members, reduced funding for its core activities and no Event Manager.

Despite these challenges however, the 2009 Notting Hill Carnival was a resounding success.

The major pre-Carnival events - Carnival Splash, Calypso Monarch and Panorama - attracted increased audiences with incredible performances that could match the best in T&T.

Miss Akima Paul, with her lyrical rendition of Passport Love, was crowned the 2009 UK Calypso Monarch. Ebony Steel Band was crowned UK Champions of Steel.

On both days of Carnival, over 70 Bands, both Mas and Samba, took to the streets with the overwhelming majority passing the Judging Point by the due time.

The Carnival also attracted a number of international artists, numbering among them former Road March Champion, Calypso Monarch and Soca winner - Shadow, former Road March Champion Poser, former Soca Monarchs Iwer George, Faye-Ann Lyons Alvarez, and Bunji Garlin, T&T Junior Monarch, Megan Walrond and DJ Bad Lad from Toronto.

Photos from Notting Hill Carnival 2009

Familiar face: *The TTHC's Donna Philip-Forde portraying 'Chicomecoat, Goddess of Maize', Dragons Carnival Band, 2009.*

Carnival 2009

Among the bands which participated in this year's celebrations were Mahogany Carnival Club, whose colourful display saw them crowned Large Band of the Year for 2009,and other seasoned participants such as Dragons Carnival Band, Yaa Asantewaa and Masquerade 2000. The 'People's Choice' for 2009 however, went to relative newcomer *Bachanal Mas.* In just two years, this band from East London, with a British designer and Trinbagonian directors has made an impact on the spectators with their spectacular presentations.

Other 2009 Notting Hill Carnival Results

LARGE BAND

1st	Mahogany Carnival Club	298pts
2nd	Masquerade 200/MK2	266
3rd	London School of Samba	263

MEDIUM BAND

1st	The Mash Carnival Band	248pts
2nd	Heritage Social Arts and Dance Group	205
3rd	Invaders Mas Band	190

SMALLBAND

1st	Flamboyan (international) Carnival Arts	230 pts
2nd	Jamaica Twist	225
3rd	Urban Touch	214

UK NATIONAL PANORAMA

1st	Ebony Steelband	'Pan Redemption'	Annise Hadeed	273
2nd	Mangrove Steelband	'Magic Drum'	Andre White	261
3rd	CSI Steelband Trust	'Magic Drum'	Brent Holder	258
	Real Steal	'First in de Line'	Leroy Clarke	258

The History of Notting Hil Carnival

** The first London Carnival was held on 30 January 1959 at St Pancras Town Hall and was televised by the BBC . Organised by political activist and Founder-Editor of the West Indian Gazette, Claudia Jones, it was timed to coincide with the Caribbean's largest and most famous carnival in Trinidad and Tobago and designed to make a determined and positive statement against the Notting Hill race riots of 1958.*

In 1960 the event moved to Seymour Hall in Paddington and in 1961 it was held at the Lyceum in The Strand. It alternated between the two venues, growing in attendance and importance with each year, until Claudia Jones was found dead in 1964.

In early 1965 another amazing woman, who knew nothing about the events in north London, contacted police about holding a neighbourhood festival to help combat the devastating effects of poverty and deprivation in the Ladroke Grove area. Community Activist Rhuane Laslett invited various groups, including the London Free School, in and around Notting Hill to participate in the Notting Hill Fair and Pageant street procession on August bank holiday. This was the birth of the Notting Hill Carnival under the leadership of Rhuane until 1970.

Thereafter, another Pioneer appeared on the scene to take over the reins of the event. The development of the event into what it is today is the work of Leslie Palmer, affectionately known as Teacher Palmer and to Carnivalists as The Wounded Soldier. Leslie, with the help of Merle Major and Anthony Perry, fashioned the Carnival footprint that still exists to this day. Leslie vowed to turn Carnival into "an urban festival of black music incorporating all elements of Trinidad's carnival".

** The London Notting Hill Carnival Limited (LNHCL) is the Governing Body for organising the annual Carnival*

** The LNHCL is governed by a Board of Directors, with an interim Chair, Chris Boothman and Directors Ancil Barclay and Michael Williams*

** The Carnival is held on the UK's August Bank Holiday with Children's Day on the Sunday and Adult Carnival on the Monday.*

2009 marks the 50th year since the first Carnival celebration in the London Borough of Camden.

Ni Hao Trinidad and Tobago

Above: Elimu Carnival Band crosses the stage in China.

The Shanghai Tourism Festival spectators bid a hearty "Ni Hao" to 'Trini' Carnival masqueraders from London for the 20th anniversary of their Gala Parade. With over 300,000 people lining the clean, wide streets and in excess of 200 million viewers on Chinese National TV watching spectacular costumes dance to the 2009 Road march, there was no doubt that the event to help the "city, make life better" was a roaring success!

The Elimu Carnival Band, founded by visionary T&T nationals living in London, accepted a very kind and illustrious invitation to partake in this year's festivities. The designs of "new-to-de-scene" London-based Trinidadian costume designer, Victoria Lenzoi Lee, had been on show for the 50th anniversary of Notting Hill Carnival in the UK. The theme "Street Tapestry - Knot Me in Dat!" was an open call for countries and cultures to be woven together, a theme uniting Port-of-Spain to London, and later, London to Shanghai! This display of culture, creativity and carnival couture intrigued the "Shanghai-ese", but what they experienced was not as they expected!

The Shanghai Tourism Festival, with a collage of flamboyant colour, echoing sounds and a mix of competition and celebration, was an event like no other! Though similar in essence to the carnivals of both Port-of-Spain and London, the organisation and scale of the event was fascinating, as was the parade as solely a night-time spectacle! The most discernable difference was the entourage of 22 large competing and mesmerising mobile floats. All highly adorned and illuminated, they depicted cultures within China and around the world, with native scenes and characters such as giant moving crabs (fake, not curried)!

The five-man band from London, representing the unique and culturally-rich origins and talent from Trinidad and Tobago, sparkled amongst the floats, samba and congregations of the countries of the world. Dubbed the smallest band in the parade, the Elimu Carnival Band emerged in full make-up and costume glory to the amazement and glistening eyes of both children and adults, towering above the crowds and dancing to the screams and applause of the people of Shanghai! As an embodiment of the performances and prelude to the festival, the costumes were also chosen for the front cover of a Chinese national newspaper, an achievement and honour it its own right!

Left: Ansel Wong of Elimu Carnival Band, on the streets of Shanghai.

This highly successful and adrenaline -fuelled parade was followed by the Jian'an corporate event, organised for esteemed parties and their families as an extension of the Shanghai Tourism Festival. Mas and wining were again on the menu. The five costumes livened up the crowd and stage, enticing both performers and viewers to partake in the cultural experience during their performance!

Mas in China was a success. So much so that the Elimu Carnival Band has been invited back to China to play Mas on the Chinese New Year in Beijing in February 2010 for the Beijing Chaoyang International Spring Carnival, the World Exposition and Tourism Festival in Shanghai for 2010 and a repeat performance at the 2010 Shangai Tourism Festival.

The Elimu Carnival Band, along with our Chinese facilitators, Lynn Huang and Lilly Yang, created an enlightening and aspiring fusion of Trini, British and Chinese cultures in its performances.

They promise an even greater spectacle in 2010.

High Commission the last stop for Public Servant of 40 years

Above:
Outgoing Immigration Attaché, Mr. Nirmal Bhaggan.

After forty years of domestic and international public service, Mr. Nirmal Bhaggan, Immigration Attaché at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, demits office on November 9, 2009.

Mr. Bhaggan spent the last four years at the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission where his leadership was instrumental in the streamlining of the passport and visa issuance systems. His vast experience in the field of immigration served to benefit nationals of T&T and would be visitors alike, and was applied to the full spectrum of immigration matters. Among the highlights of his posting at the Mission, Mr. Bhaggan received high praise for his service to T&T nationals in Nuremberg, Germany, 2006, during the FIFA World Cup. Temporarily stationed in Germany, Mr. Bhaggan was the lifeline for distressed nationals who, in the midst of celebrating the achievements of the Soca Warriors, had encountered consular complications.

As a result of his unique contribution to the field and in the culmination of his many years of service, Acting High Commissioner Gail P. Guy wishes to join the President of the Consular Corps, Mr. Guy Van Glabeke and a host of local and international government officials, in commending Mr. Bhaggan for his dedicated service and efficiency on the job.

Prior to his appointment at the TTHC London, Mr. Bhaggan was the Acting Assistant Chief Immigration Officer, Ministry of National Security, where he supervised and managed all aspects of domestic and foreign operations. Mr. Bhaggan was accompanied at post by his wife Mary and his daughter Kimberly. ***New Immigration Attaché, Narinesingh Lal, will be featured in the upcoming issue of the London Mission.***

ATTENTION NATIONALS

Please be advised that on September 25, 2009, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago granted approval to extend the validity of the old 'T' Trinidad and Tobago passports to 31/12/2011 instead of December 31, 2009, in respect of citizens of Trinidad and Tobago residing abroad.

Please be reminded that in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) guidelines, passports issued after November 24, 2005, which are not machine readable, are valid until November 2015.

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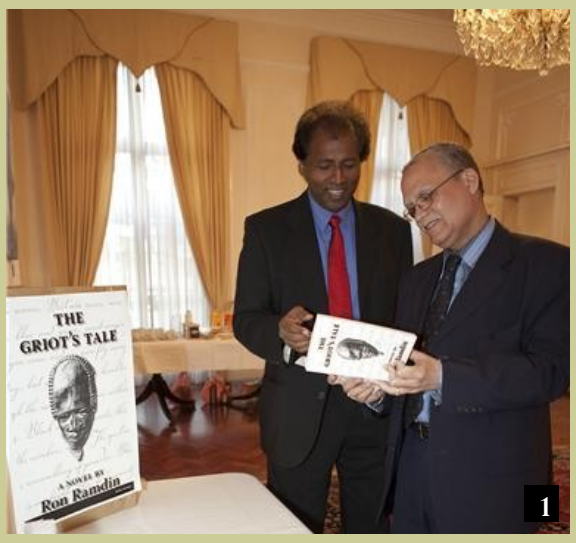
Focus on the Mission



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Above and clockwise: (1) Attaché Ashton Ford inspects the latest publication by acclaimed author Ron Ramdin. His book, 'The Griot's Tale' was launched at the High Commission in July. (2) The August Nationals Meeting was a two part affair. In the first part of the evening, President of the Tourism Development Company, Mr. Ernest Littles (pictured) and his team addressed the issues of the changing face of the tourism industry in Trinidad and Tobago. (3) The second half of the meeting saw the calypsonians take over. Poser (pictured), Tobago Crusoe and T&T Junior Monarch, Megan Walrond entertained the audience ahead of the Notting Hill Carnival weekend.

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Above: Culture Attaché, Ashton Ford, with two of Trinidad and Tobago's cultural ambassadors Iwer George, left, and the Mighty Shadow. The artistes, along with fellow performers Poser and Megan Walrond, paid a courtesy call on the High Commission whilst in London to perform at the 2009 Notting Hill Carnival.

Foreign Exchange Rates as at September 4, 2009.

Currency	Counter: Buying	Selling	Notes: Buying
Pound Sterling	10.1202	10.5403	9.6152
US Dollar	6.1972	6.3521	6.0000

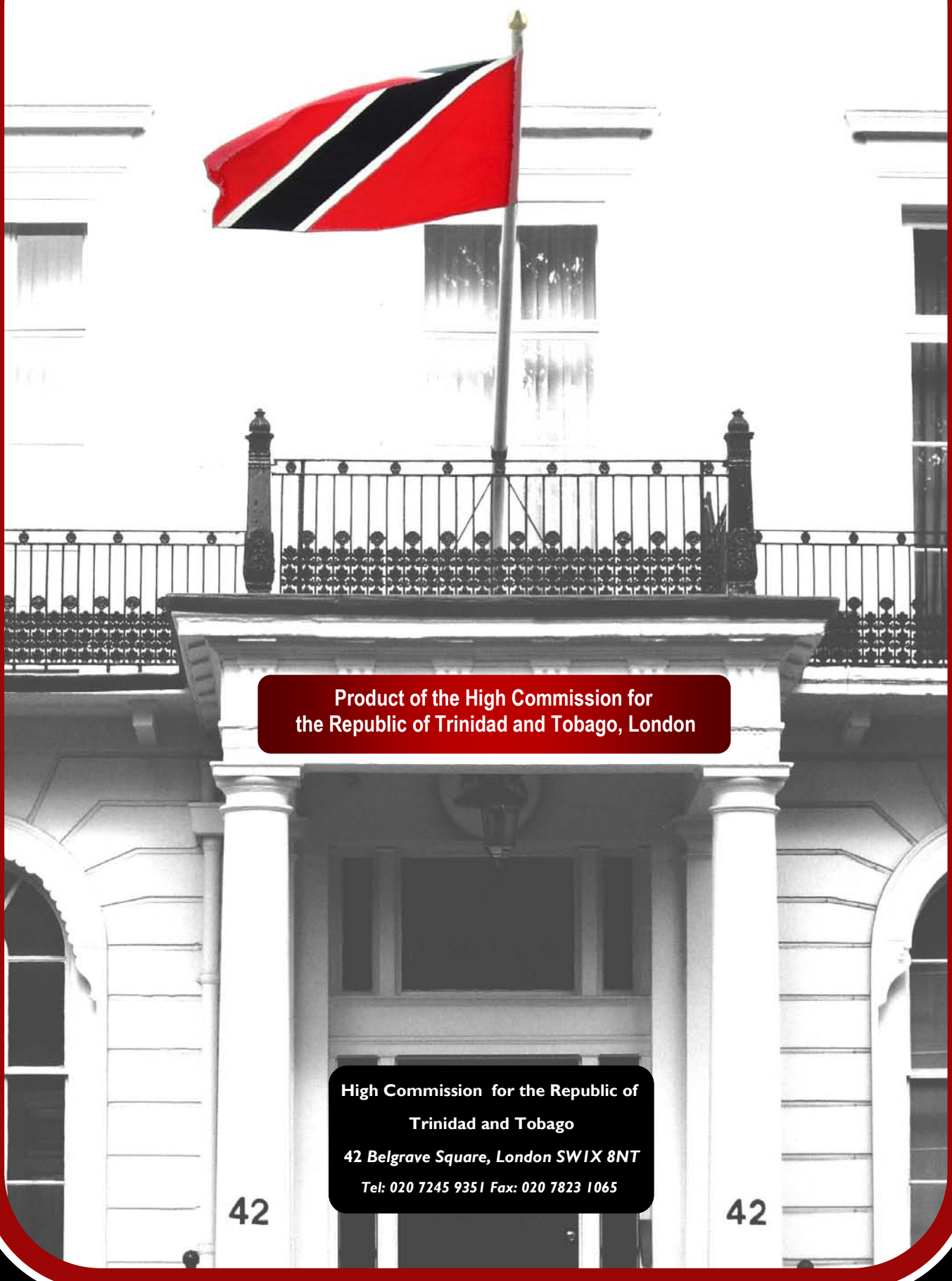
Source: Scotiabank Trinidad & Tobago Limited

WTI Cushing Spot Crude Oil Price on September 22, 2008 $71.25 per barrel

Focus on the Mission

Above and clockwise: (1) *Imam Rasheed Khan makes his contribution at the Independence Service, on behalf of the Muslim Community.* ***(2)*** *A representative from Mangrove Steelband delighted the congregation with a stirring pan solo.* ***(3)*** *Contestants for the 2010 Miss T&T UK introduce themselves to the audience at the post-service reception at the Carnival Village.*

Right and clockwise: (1) *Ag. High Commissioner Gail Guy addresses the triumphant Exocubs members at the TTHC. The Exocubs paid a courtesy call on the High Commission after successfully competing at the International Youth and Music festival in Vienna, Austria in early July. The young musicians placed first in the Indigenous instruments category.* ***(2)*** *Attaché Ashton Ford is all too happy to pose with the Exocubs and their coveted trophy.* ***(3)*** *Ag. High Commissioner Gail Guy is visited by Fulham and aspiring T&T national footballer, Bobby Zamora. Other footballers to visit the Mission in recent times include national players Jay Lloyd Samuel and Radanfah Abu Bakr.*



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